



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RTID 0648-XB503

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permits and permit amendments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permits and permit amendments have been issued to the following entities under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as applicable.

ADDRESSES: The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request via email to NMFS.PrIComments@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D. (Permit Nos. 19592-01 and 25739), Jennifer Skidmore (Permit No. 24054), Amy Hapeman (Permit Nos. 24140, 24368, 25691, 25694, and 25696), and Carrie Hubbard (Permit No. 19225); at (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notices were published in the **Federal Register** on the dates listed below that requests for a permit or permit amendment had been submitted by the below-named applicants. To locate the **Federal Register** notice that announced our receipt of the application and a complete description of the activities, go to www.federalregister.gov and search on the permit number provided in Table 1 below.

Table 1 -- Issued Permits and Permit Amendments

Permit No.	RTID	Applicant	Previous Federal Register Notice	Issuance Date
19225-01	0648-XE417	James D. Darling, Ph.D., Whale Trust, P.O. Box 384, Tofino, BC V0R2Z0 Canada	81 FR 91920; December 19, 2016	September 13, 2021
19592-01	0648-XE560	St. George Traditional Council, P.O. Box 940, St. George Island, Alaska 99591 (Responsible Party: Chris Merculief)	81 FR 66627; September 28, 2016	September 13, 2021
24054	0648-XB213	Terrie Williams, Ph.D., University of California at Santa Cruz, Long Marine Lab, Center for Ocean Health, 115 McAllister Way, Santa Cruz, CA 95060	86 FR 36107; July 8, 2021	September 15, 2021
24140	0648-XB210	Jane Provancha, Herndon Solutions Group, LLC., 2562 Meadow Lane, Cocoa, FL 32926	86 FR 35491; July 6, 2021	September 22, 2021
24368	0648-XB210	NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 3209 Frederic Street, Pascagoula, MS 39567 (Responsible Party: Lisa Desfosse, Ph.D.)	86 FR 35491; July 6, 2021	September 22, 2021
25691	0648-XB159	Allen Foley, Ph.D., Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, 370 Zoo Parkway, Jacksonville, FL 32218	86 FR 31482; June 14, 2021	September 22, 2021
25694	0648-XB133	Carlos Diez, Department of Natural and Environmental Resources of Puerto Rico, P.O. Box 9020708, Viejo, San Juan PR 00901	86 FR 28766; May 28, 2021	September 22, 2021
25696	0648-XB219	Inwater Research Group, Inc., 4160 NE Hyline Drive, Jensen Beach, FL 34957 (Responsible Party: Michael Bresette)	86 FR 36106; July 8, 2021	September 22, 2021
25716	0648-XB219	NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543 (Responsible Party: Jon Hare, Ph.D.)	86 FR 36106; July 8, 2021	September 22, 2021
25739	0648-XB277	New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110 (Responsible Party: Vikki Spruill)	86 FR 41020; July 30, 2021	September 23, 2021
25850	0648-XB333	University of California at Davis, 387 North Quad Avenue, Room 1210 PES, Davis, CA 95616 (Responsible Party: Chris Yarnes, Ph.D.)	86 FR 45969; August 17, 2021	September 28, 2021

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, as applicable, issuance of these permit was based on a finding that such permits: (1) were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

Authority: The requested permits have been issued under the MMPA of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), as applicable.

Dated: October 6, 2021.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.

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